

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification address the issue raised in Item A on page 2 of the Final Office Action mailed March 21, 2005. The specification has been amended at the end of Table 3 to provide the achene color with reference to the employed color chart. Achene color is also shown for the comparison varieties 'Aromas' and 'Diamante' in Table 3. (Achene color was the same for all three varieties.)

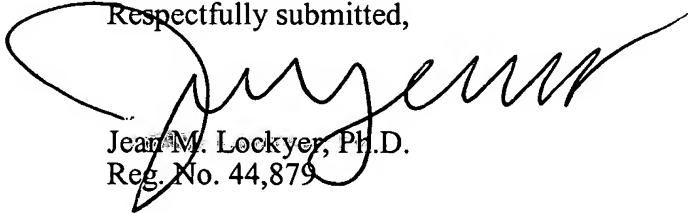
Paragraph 15 has been amended to provide the mean number of achenes per berry for Albion.

In view of the amendments to the specification, Applicants have provided all of the additional information required by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Applicants believe that the pending claim in this Application is in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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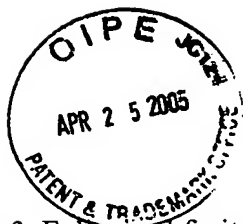


Table 3. Foliar and fruit color characteristics for 'Albion', 'Aromas', and 'Diamante'.

Color Character	Cultivar		
	'Aromas'	'Diamante'	'Albion'
Leaf color (CIELAB)			
Adaxial			
L*			
mean	32.7	32.4	32.7
range	31.1-34.2	29.9-35.8	31.5-34.1
a*			
mean	-7.0	-8.1	-7.4
range	-5.8 - -8.2	-7.3 - -10.2	-6.3 - -8.1
b*			
mean	11.8	12.0	11.7
range	9.6-14.0	9.1-13.9	10.4-13.1
Munsell	2.5 GY 3/3	10GY 3/2	5GY 3/2
Abaxial			
L*			
mean	52.3	50.7	49.1
range	34.1-52.3	48.3-52.4	48.6-52.1
a*			
mean	-8.3	-9.0	-8.8
range	-6.8 - -8.8	-8.4 - -9.5	-7.6 - -9.2
b*			
mean	18.1	19.1	19.3
range	13.1-20.1	17.9-21.3	15.7-21.6
Munsell	5GY 5/6 7.5 GY 5/7	5GY 5/6	5GY 5/6
Fruit color (CIELAB)			
External			
L*			
mean	38.1	43.7	40.0
range	36.6-41.4	39.5-47.4	34.3-44.8
a*			
mean	39.3	41.7	41.2
range	37.3-41.2	35.0-46.3	34.8-44.2
b*			
mean	27.2	32.1	28.4
range	21.7-32.9	27.0-35.9	20.9-36.9
Munsell	5 R 3/7	7.5 R 4/11	5R 3/7
Internal			
L*			
mean	65.1	68.3	63.2
range	56.4-70.6	63.7-71.1	56.3-64.4
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range	13.3-40.3	15.5-30.6	20.1-35.9
b*			
mean	34.5	29.2	33.1
range	17.1-41.7	20.3-35.9	24.0-35.9
Munsell	5 R 4/12	7.5 R 6/12	7.5 R 4/11
Achene color			
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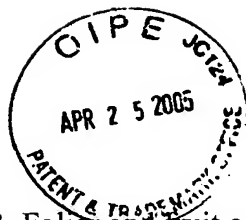


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